

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. My dear Alec:

I cannot begin to tell you how disgusted and disappointed I was on receipt of your last telegram last night. On the strength of the one appointing six o'clock for the trial I had decided I might expect you home today or tomorrow, and was beginning to realize how fearfully desolate I was without you, and how overjoyed I should be to see you again. I don't believe we have ever been longer apart since we were married have we? At all events it seems months since you left. Poor little boy I am afraid you must be completely worn out. Do you want me to come down and take care of you. My only trouble would be about "Kinder". Elsie is as well as can be, Daisy not quite so satisfactory as might be expected in these sudden changes of temperature, and with double teeth cutting. Mrs. Gibson's boy seems very well and is running all around. Dr. Putnam came out yesterday to see Daisy and laughed at the idea of there being any danger for Elsie.

When you come home cannot you come alone. I haven't seen you for so long I should like to have you all to myself for awhile. Can't Mary come on alone when we go to the seashore. It is very hot here now and this would be no change for her. Seems to me if Lina could come on to Washington alone Mary can. Do just as you wish, I only wanted to have you all to myself for awhile. Lina I can't send off as through me she lost her chance of going to Auntie's now, but she is in Boston all day long at the Art museum. My paper doesn't look very smooth but your little daughter's fingers have been in it. Elsie is busy now beside me forming a figure of Dandy as she says with pins in a pincushion. 2 Daisy I think learns to talk with great rapidity she says a word for everything she sees does or wants. Did I tell you of my long letter from Papa in answer to mine about a country place. No I did not, well he enters into the plan most heartily but sees no reason why we could

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not have two establishments. Uncle Eustes said the same. Papa proposed our taking driving turns along the sea coast, but Mamma and I are afraid of leaving the babies. They say the proper persons to apply to are my cousin John Jeffries the real estate agent, Fred Emery or Maj. Ben Perley Poor ? of Washington who has an ancestral homestead somewhere near Talmouth. So I am going to write to Mr. Jeffries and inquire especially about the Gov. Wentworth homestead which Papa said was for sale a short time ago at all events. Papa says also he will sell out all my English stock before his return, and expects to have including my Washington place at least one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in the Trust. Then we might sell enough American to make up the two hundred thousand after which all other International stock belongs to us personally. Shall I send any more grapes?

I love you ever so much and want to see you dreadfully.

Lovingly, your wife.